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USEEC FOR AMBASSADOR HINTON

PASS STR ELECTRONICALLY FOR AMBASSADORS STRAUSS AND WOLFF
ONLY FROM MCDONALD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, MTN, EC
SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO HAFERKAMP LETTER

1. IN TELEPHONE CALLS TUESDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY MORNING
WITH SIR ROY DENMAN, MCDONALD WAS TOLD THAT WE CAN NOW
MOVE AHEAD INTO THE INTENSIVE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS
EXACTLY IN LINE WITH THE AGREEMENT WORKED OUT BETWEEN
STRAUSS AND HAFERKAMP. DENMAN SAID THAT THE QUALIFICA-
TIONS INCLUDED IN THE LETTER AND AS A PART OF THE COUNCIL
DISCUSSION WERE EITHER OBSERVATIONS OR SUGGESTIONS THAT
DO NOT HAVE BINDING WEIGHT OF DECISION LIMITING THE
COMMISSION'S NEGOTIATING LATITUDE FOR THE NEXT PHASE.

2. CONSEQUENTLY, MCDONALD SUGGESTS THAT WE NOT
ACKNOWLEDGE OR DEBATE NOW THE INDIVIDUAL POINTS IN
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HAFERKAMP'S LETTER SINCE THAT WOULD TACTICALLY BEGIN THE
NEGOTIATIONS AT A LOWER LEVEL THAN WE SHOULD ASSUME IN
THE PHASE STARTING AFTER JANUARY 23. OUR REPLY SHOULD
THEREFORE BE SHORT AND SIMPLE AND COVER ONLY THE FOLLOWING
POINTS:

A) CONGRATULATIONS ON THE POSITIVE DECISION OF THE

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS;

B) APPRECIATION OF THE DELICACY OF THE EC'S
PRESENTATIONAL PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY VIS-A-VIS THE
FRENCH;

C) OUR INTENTION TO PROCEED INTO THE NEXT STAGE OF
THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BASIS OF OUR ORIGINAL AGREEMENT.

3. AS A BEGINNING POINT, HERE IS A SUGGESTED DRAFT TEXT:
DEAR WILLI:

I WAS DELIGHTED TO GET YOUR LETTER REPORTING THE
POSITIVE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, AND I COMMEND
YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES ON YOUR SUCCESS.

HAVING TALKED WITH SOME OF YOUR MEMBER STATES ONLY A
FEW DAYS AGO MYSELF, I APPRECIATE FULLY THE DELICATE
PRESENTATIONAL PROBLEMS YOU HAD TO OVERCOME IN ORDER TO
GAIN A DECISION THAT WOULD PERMIT US TO PROCEED ALONG THE
LINES OF THE AGREEMENT WORKED OUT BETWEEN US EARLIER.

WE NOW HAVE THE BIG JOB AHEAD AS WE ATTEMPT TO WIND
UP THIS GREAT UNDERTAKING IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. I LOOK
FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT MONDAY IN GENEVA SO THAT TOGE-
THER WE CAN LAUNCH THIS NEXT PHASE OF THE TOKYO ROUND WITH
A JOINT, VIGOROUS SEND-OFF.
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BEST REGARDS, SINCERELY YOURS,

4. A BRIEF MESSAGE FROM STRAUSS TO DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER
KNUT ANDERSON MIGHT ALSO BE DESIRABLE. SUGGEST: PLEASE
ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR SKILLFUL AND POSITIVE
HANDLING OF THE EC COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS YESTERDAY ON THE
MTN AGENDA ITEM. I AM DELIGHTED THE EC WAS ABLE TO AGREE
TO MOVE AHEAD INTO THE ACTIVE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS ON
THE BASIS OF OUR BILATERAL UNDERSTANDING. MCDONALD

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